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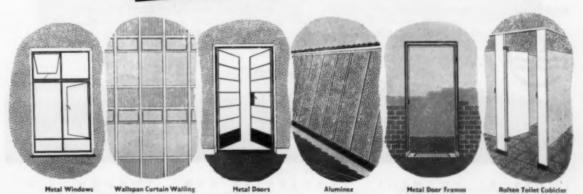
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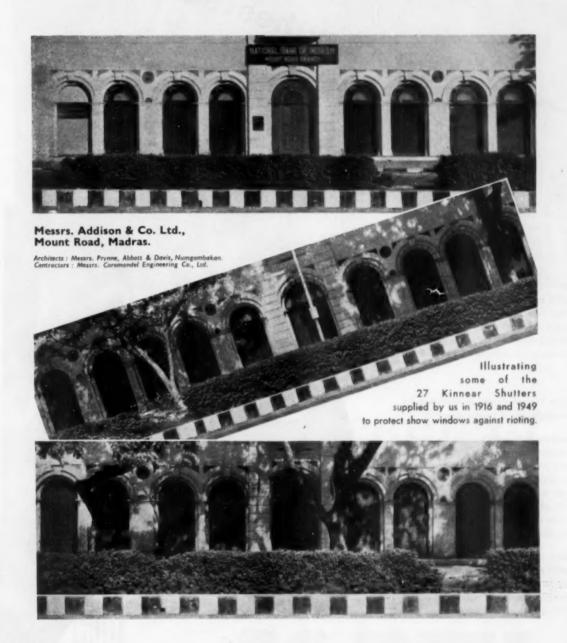
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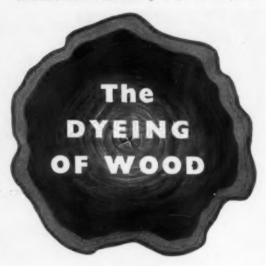
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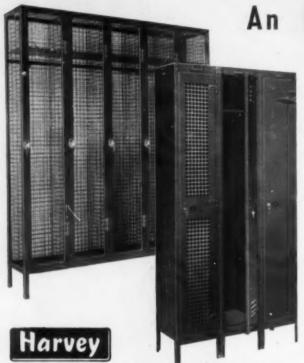


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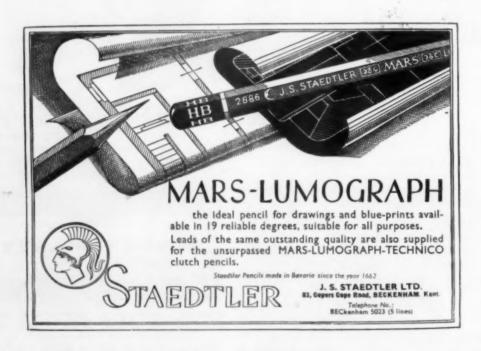
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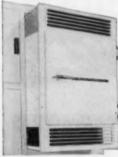
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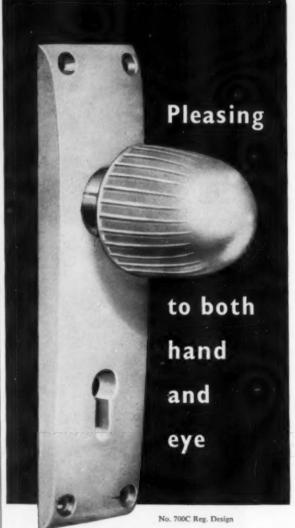
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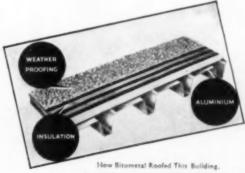
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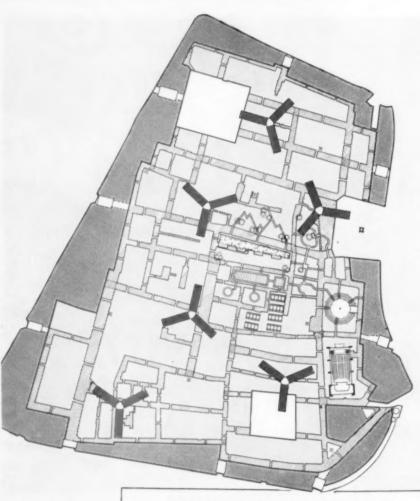
- i To create a great weather-protected and air conditioned shopping and office precinct, free of traffic but accessible for goods, private cars, helicopters, and existing public communications.
- ii To create six 24-storey blocks of good-class residential flats.
- iii To create a spacious open-air entertainment centre, as a supplement to the existing indoor entertainment.

All the proposals made for this project are practical possibilities. The techniques and materials to execute them exist now. A preliminary survey of the project and details of the Sub-Basement and the Ground Floor or Street Level have already appeared. Final details are given on these two pages.

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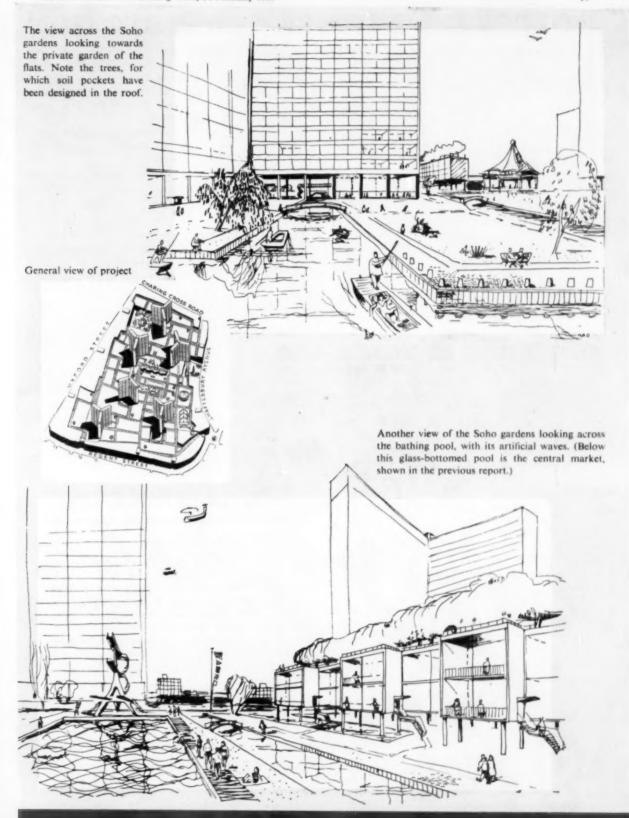


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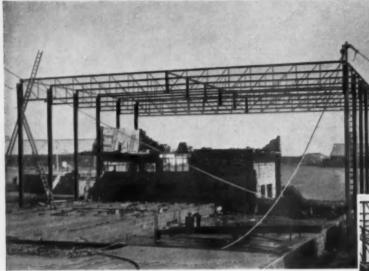


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AST month there was a broadcast discussion on "Skyscraper or Suburb" in which Sir William Holford, Mr. Hugh Weeks and Mr. Colin Clark took part.

Last week the symposium at the R.I.B.A. carried the process of thinking aloud on this controversial subject a great deal further. Had more time been allowed for discussion of the papers it might have been even more useful.

Dame Evelyn Sharp deputizing for her Minister, Mr. Duncan Sandys, said that the symposium was singularly well-timed because local authorities were starting their slum clearance programmes, in the course of which it would be necessary to build flats.

At the present time, 14 per cent of all housing is said to consist of flats, and Sir William Holford doubts whether we can afford more than a slightly greater percentage than this. Mr. Sheppard Fidler said that the great difference in the basic cost of providing accommodation of similar size in a block of flats and in a two-storey house of similar size had never to his knowledge been analysed and explained to the satisfaction of architects engaged in housing. He hoped the investigations being made by the B.R.S. would help to find out where the element of excessive cost lay.

The B.R.S. speaker in the symposium, Dr. Weston, who is making a survey of recent tenders for flats, said that the very wide range between the cheapest and dearest flats is particularly noteworthy, but that the average structural cost of two-bedroom flats in blocks of six to twelve storeys was about £2,500 whereas that of two-bedroom, two-storey houses was under £1,300. The B.R.S. survey, he said, only touches on the broader aspects of the problem of reducing the cost of flats, but it clearly demonstrates the very wide range that exists in current work. Further research would be needed to

elicit the relative importance of the causes of this variation, whether in design or organization.

No one will be satisfied until the comparison of costs includes all relevant data on a comparable basis, and in the meantime work must go on to some extent in the dark.

From the tenants' point of view, as voiced by the sociologists, about two-thirds would like, ideally, to have a "little house and garden," and now that they have been told that an acre of that portion of back gardens devoted to fruit and vegetable growing is 7½ times as productive as an acre of farmland, the advocates of high rise need to strengthen their arguments. (In our view the claim for the productivity of back gardens needs properly sifting and qualifying before it appears again. Who was it said Englishmen eat too many brussels sprouts?)

Many people, in fact, do like living high, and since about 40 per cent of householders have no children, and many more have no young children, there is a big group for the housing managers to select tenants from for the high blocks.

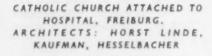
To quote once again from Sir William Holford's talk on the air because it was probably heard by a large number of listeners, "the question whether we shall have more or less flats is very important, because we cannot go backwards. You can always build flats where a house has been before, but very seldom can you build a house where flats have been before. A block of flats is a bigger operation in every way, and when you put up a large block it is a much more permanent thing."

We realize this already from those that we can see around us. In future all designs for high blocks should be most carefully vetted to make sure they are properly sited and landscaped, well designed and planned. Is there adequate machinery to ensure this?

#### WEST GERMAN ARCHITECTURE TO-DAY



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## A selection from the exhibition at the R.I.B.A.



PRIVATE HOUSE IN COLOGNE, ARCHITECT: G. BOHM, DIPL. ING.



SKYSCRAPER BLOCK OF FLATS AUGSBURG, ARCHITECT: ALOIS STROHMAYR

THE exhibition has been prepared by the Bund Deutscher Architekten and is sponsored by the Bonn Government. It illustrates in a series of magnificent photographs the work carried out in Western Germany since the war. The exhibition is divided into sections dealing with Housing, Schools, Churches, Theatres, Cinemas, Libraries, Hospitals, Industrial and other buildings, Exhibition buildings, Recreational buildings and Gardens. There is also a section illustrating the work of the pioneers of the Modern Movement in Germany from the beginning of the century up to the work of Gropius. The exhibition, which was opened yesterday by the German Ambassador, Dr. Hans Schlange-Schoningen, remains open until March 24. (Mondays-Fridays 10-7; Saturdays 10-5).

Overleaf as a contrast are some East German examples.



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#### Some examples of East German Architecture



FLATS OVER SHOPS AT STALINSTADT



STALINSTADT, A NEW INDUSTRIAL CENTRE NEAR FRANKFORT ON ODER



NEW HOUSING AT STALINSTADT

Stalinstadt is a new town being built primarily to house the workers at the big blast furnace plant built since 1950 and now in production. It is the first "Socialist" city in East Germany to be initiated, planned and constructed entirely by the State. The town will eventually total about 45,000 people planned in districts of between 5,000 and 7,000 people each with a school for 960 children, a kindergarten, a creche for the children of working mothers, shops, laundry and 1,200 dwellings. Two of these districts are nearly complete and are partly inhabited. Stalinstadt is situated south of Frankfurt on Oder.

The Galety Theatre site as it is at present. Norman Shaw was responsible for much of the design. The winning design and other entries in the limited competition for the design for a new office building for this site are illustrated in the following pages.



#### EVENTS AND COMMENTS

H55-THE HALSINGBORG EXHIBITION

When I wrote a note on this exhibition on January 13, I thought it was to take place next year. In fact, it opens on June 11 this year, so that the organization of a British exhibit was, and is, an even more urgent problem than I suggested. It is good news indeed to hear that, as a result of Sir Kenneth Lee's appeal, sufficient money has been collected from private firms and organizations to enable the work of preparation to proceed. Further contributions are expected and any unexpected ones will be very welcome.

Exhibition H55 is being organized jointly by the City of Halsingborg and the Svenska Sbojdvermigon (the Swedish Arts and Crafts Society), and it will be the most important exhibition of its kind to be held in Sweden since the famous show of 1930 which, with the help of the principal architect, Gunnar Asplund, put Swedish contemporary design on the map. The subjects to be covered are architecture, Industrial Design, Home furnishing and Arts and Crafts. The British contribution will form a part of the international section, where typical flats of 1,000 sq ft from the various countries will be furnished by the countries concerned with goods in current production in their factories. Sir Kenneth Lee, who is chairman of Tootals, has invited the C.o.I.D. to organize the British show flat. The C.o.I.D. has appointed Mr. Michael Pattrick, A.R.I.B.A., Principal of the A.A. School of Architecture, to choose the flat and arrange with the Swedish authorities for its erection; his wife, Mrs. Joan Pattrick, is to carry out the interior design and is to select the furniture and fittings. Mrs. Pattrick has had considerable experience of this type of work, having previously furnished 14 show houses for the C.o.I.D. in various parts of the country.

When I wrote my previous note I was under the impression that an entirely purpose-designed and purpose-made exhibit was required. I was wrong. The international section will, in effect, be a series of shop windows displaying the best that is available in domestic design in the various countries. We may expect a very high stan-

dard and it will be interesting to see how British products fare in such fierce competition.

GERMAN ARCHITECTURE

The exhibition of Modern German Architecture will have been opened at the R.I.B.A. by the time you read this. We have all seen in the Press, during the past few months, illustrations of the prodigious and sometimes very interesting reconstruction work going on in Western Germany. There are signs that Germany is likely to become once again one of the leaders in architectural design and building technique. I am looking forward to seeing the exhibition and to hearing Mr. Richard Sheppard on the Third Programme on Sunday next, February 27, at 5.40. His title will be "Some Thoughts on German Architecture."

OH! MARY APPLEGATE

I missed an article in the Evening Standard by one Mary Applegate entitled "Everything Happened to Us," but my attention has been drawn to it by a faithful reader. The article is a tale of woe about moving into a brand new, evidently speculatively built, house. The story is familiar except in one detail contained in the following sentence: "Having chosen the wallpapers and the latest type of boiler we were told by the architect we could move in within three weeks!"

Supposing that the individual referred to really was an architect, and on the face of it it seems unlikely, the inference is that he was responsible for the deplorable shortcomings of the building. The shortcomings were typical of bad spec building, and I suspect that Mrs. Applegate used the word architect for effect and without knowing anything about the profession or its work.

She cannot be expected to bear all the blame for her ignorance, nor is it, I imagine, an offence under the Architects' Registration Act for a member of the public to call a speculative builder's manager an architect. The R.I.B.A. is also to blame for failing to put the case for the architect and his work to the country as a whole. If they do not no one else will.

To the faithful reader who sent the cutting, belated thanks.

ABNER



The winning design, No.3

## Old Gaiety Theatre Site Architectural Competition

THE winner of the competition for the design of a head office building for the English Electric Company Ltd. on the site of the old Gaiety Theatre, London, is Sir John Burnet, Tait and Partners (Gordon T. Tait, F.R.I.B.A.). The designs which are on view to the general public at Marconi House, Strand, until February 25, are illustrated in the following pages. Diagrams of a typical office floor by each of the competitors are shown on the facing page. The diagrams show:—Marconi House (outlined heavy black); New offices (tinted); Communicating corridors; Main staircases (S); Main lavatories (hatched); Principal lights (with cross). The following were invited to take part in the competition:—Mr. Louis de Soissons (No. 1). Messrs. Yorke, Rosenberg and Mardall (No. 2); Sir John Burnet, Tait and Partners (No. 3); Messrs. Farquharson and McMorran (No. 4); Mr. Michael Rosenauer (No. 5); Messrs. Adams, Holden and Pearson (No. 6); Messrs. Farmer and Dark (No. 7); Mr. Basil Spence (No. 8); Mr. David du R. Aberdeen (No. 9). The competition was held under R.I.B.A. rules and the assessors were: Sir Percy Thomas, P.P.R.I.B.A., and Mr. John Murray Easton, F.R.I.B.A.

Assessors' Report

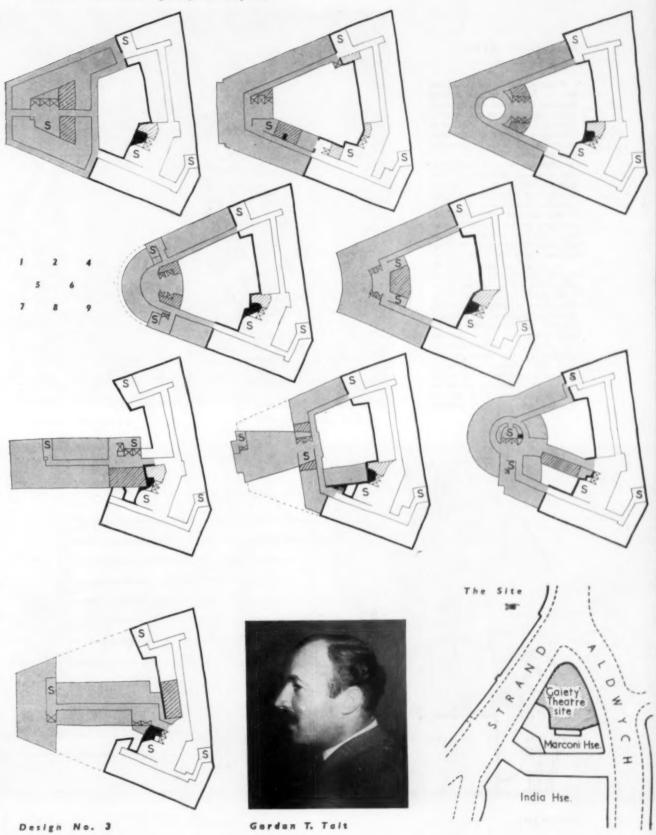
We have examined the nine designs which have been submitted in this Competition. The shape of the relatively small site, and the highly personal and vigorous architectural character of Marconi House presented the competitors with a difficult problem, further complicated by the fact that the open space which the new building will ultimately abut, is not likely to be created for some considerable time. Full integration of the new with the existing building and the provision of as large an addition to its floor area as possible were major practical considerations, which, added to those first mentioned, called for great skill in planning and design.

The designs submitted are, broadly, of two types, a peripheral development round an internal courtyard, or a spine block extending from Marconi House to the apex of the site. Of the variations from these types, one made use of an immense cylindrical structure placed at the apex of the site. Only one competitor attempted a wall-with-windows elevational treatment; each of the others made use of a visibly expressed framework or a curtain wall. Some of the designs achieved dramatic effects, and some ingenious and

rather odd pieces of planning resulted from the problem of how to deal with the underground garage. With one or two exceptions the designs are severe to the point of dryness.

After careful consideration of all the designs we conclude that the rectangular block on the axis provides the most satisfactory solution to the problem—it avoids the drawbacks of an internal courtyard and long communicating corridors, and the setting back of the central block must reduce the noise of traffic in the offices. In addition very little alteration to the appearance of Marconi House is entailed. We make our award in favour of Design No. 3.

This design adopts the principle of the spine development, with the addition of a 5-storeyed block at the apex of the site, the main block having 9 storeys above the ground floor. In form and mass it is simple and impressive. The plan is a very good one. On the ground floor a large entrance hall approached either by foot from the Strand, or by car from Aldwych, links up directly with the existing entrance hall in Marconi House and the two new lifts being adjacent to those in the existing building, become part of a well placed vertical circulation.



#### Assessors' Report

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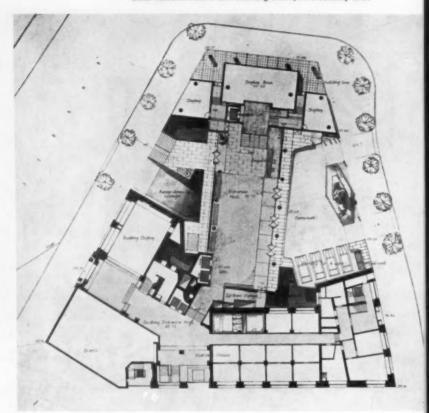
A central toilet and cloakroom unit is formed in the existing building in a space which would otherwise have been inadequately lighted; allowance for this loss of office space is made in computing the total net office accommodation provided.

Exhibition space is provided at the apex of the ground floor and the offices are well lighted and suitable for dividing up by movable partitions.

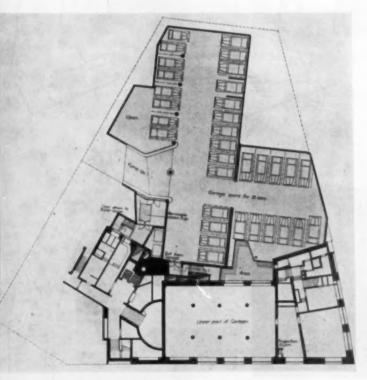
The net new office floor area provided in this scheme (excluding entrance hall and exhibition space) is 38,694 square feet, and the estimated cost £387,000.

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No. 6 we consider to be the best of the schemes in which the offices are placed round an internal courtyard and, granted the limitations of this type of plan, the circulation and the arrangement of the offices generally are clear and logical. But there are two main vertical circulations instead of one, and communication with the existing building at ground floor level is by way of the present display room on the Strand. The authors of this scheme have obviously attached



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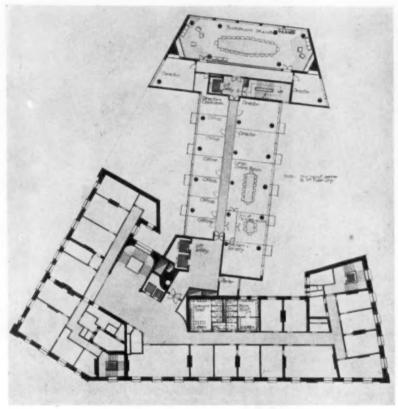
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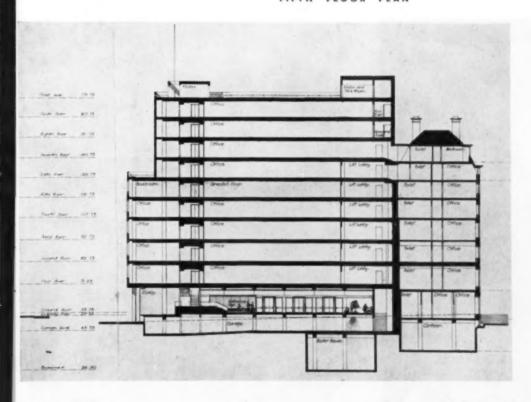
FIFTH FLOOR PLAN

great importance to the integration of the elevations of new and tion of the elevations of new and old. This they have tried to do by modifying the mansard roof of Marconi House and carrying the lines of the top two storeys of the new building across the old: the resulting silhouette is calm but the two buildings do not combine. not combine.

The scheme provides a net floor area of 36,037 square feet and the estimated cost is £409,400.

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No. 8. This design combines a high office block with offices partly on the perimeter and an internal courtyard. The main entrance is at the apex, and the only communication with the existing building is as in No. 6.
The net office floor space (29,737 square feet) is considerably less than No. 3 and No. 6 provide, but the design is an in-

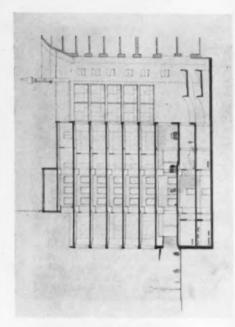
provide, but the design is an interesting one and presents a most dramatic elevation to the future square.



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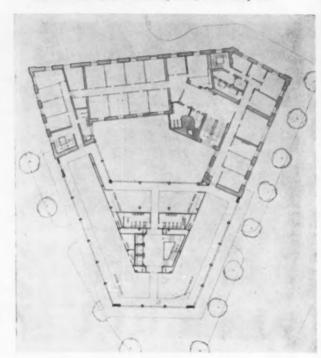
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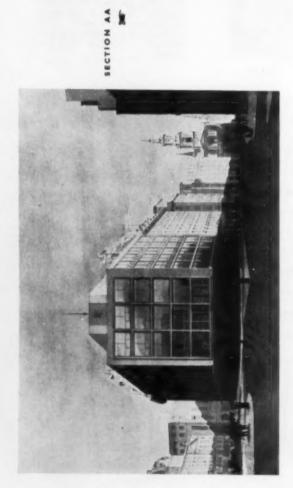
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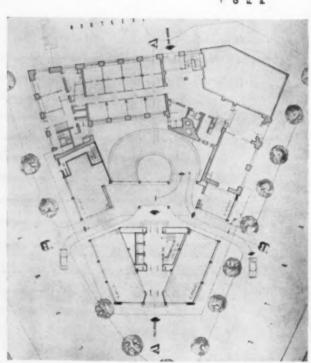


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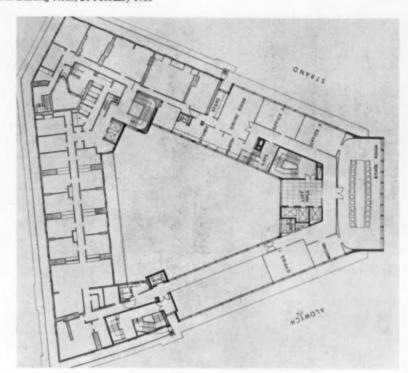
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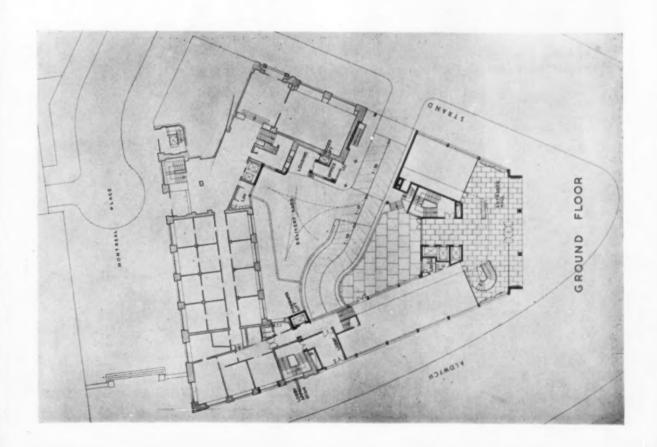


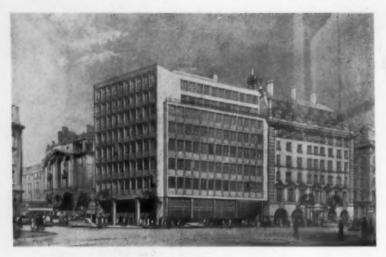


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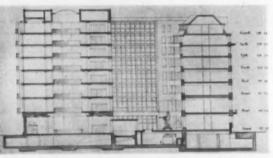


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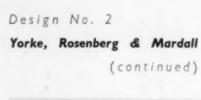


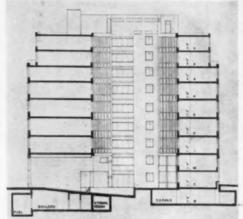


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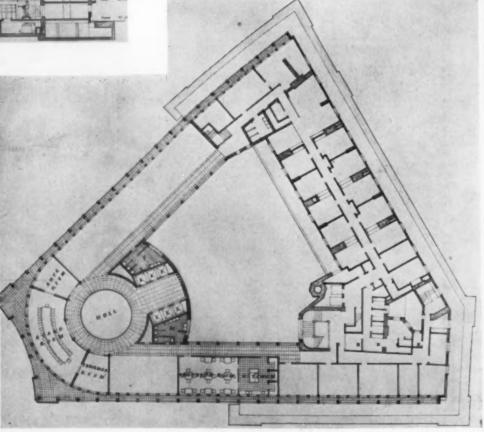


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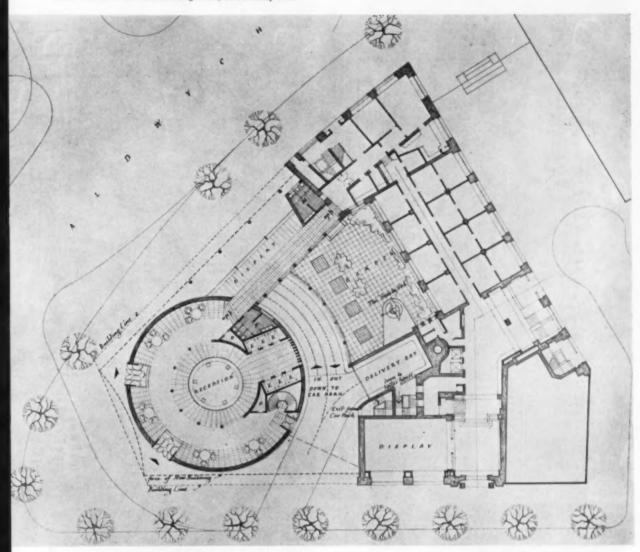




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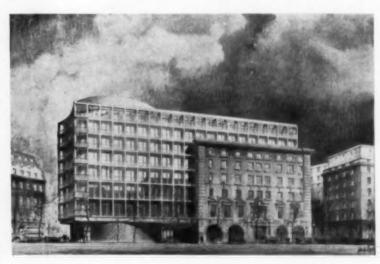
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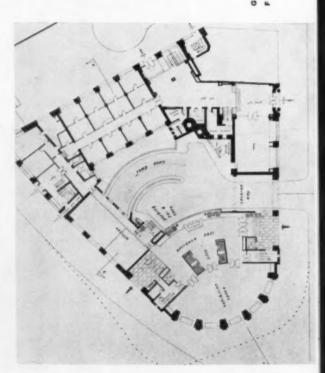
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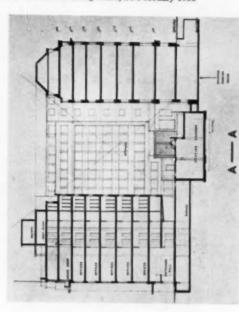




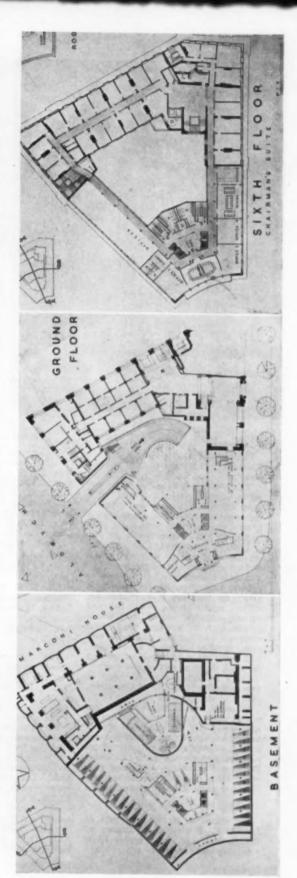
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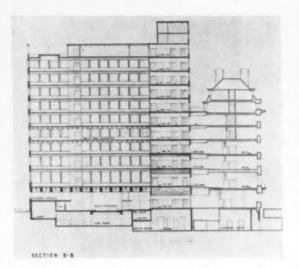








#### Farmer & Dark



# M.o.E. Bulletin No. 10

Education Building Bulletin No. 10, "New School Playing Fields," has just been published (H.M.S.O., 3s 6d). The Bulletin deals mainly with pro-

vision of playing fields and hard games areas on land adjoining new primary and secondary schools—particularly the latter, but most of the material applies

to playing fields generally.

The two main sections of the Bulletin deal respectively with the layout and construction of new playing fields, and their maintenance. In addition to general principles, detailed advice is given on the layout of pitches for cricket, winter games, basket ball and netball, athletics, and of lawn tennis courts, with information on kindred matters. Descriptions of major and minor grading operations are included, and notes on preparation of ground for seed, drainage and care of turf.

Other sections deal with choice of sites, specifications, Bills of Quantities,

cost, and maintenance.
Statistics and technical information are given in a comprehensive set of appendices dealing with such objects as seed mixture, recognition of soil texture, and sampling of seed; appendices also deal with the Standards for School Premises Regulations, 1954, and provide a list of reference books. Diagrams illustrate many of the recommendations.

### Mr. A. F. de Jonquet

We regret to record the death of Mr. A. F. de Jonquet, a director of Iliffe & Sons Ltd., on February 17 in a nursing home at Hove.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

J. Douglass Matthews & Partners (E. D. Jefferiss Mathews, O.B.E., F.R.I.B.A., A.R.I.C.S., Oswald D. F.R.I.B.A., A.R.I.C.S., Oswald D. Pearce, F.R.I.B.A., and A. G. Nisbet, B.A.(Arch.), F.R.I.B.A.) announce that the following members of their staff have been appointed Associate Partners: Ralph S. Poole, A.R.I.B.A., J. A. Fisher, A.R.I.B.A., A.R.A.I.A., and Michael Ryan, A.A.Dipl.(Hons.), A.R.I.B.A.

#### APPOINTMENTS

Mr. E. S. Sunderland, A.R.I.B.A., Principal Assistant Architect, East Riding, Yorkshire County Council, has been appointed Deputy County Architect, Kesteven County Council, from March 1.

The Newcastle Regional Hospital Board has appointed Mr. Charles E. Pearson, F.R.I.B.A., of C. B. Pearson & Son, 18, Dalton Square, Lancaster, as Architect for a new General Hospital to be built at Hensingham, near Whitehaven.

The first phase in the construction of this new hospital will include accommodation for 312 patients and a further 100 beds will be added in the second and third phases, giving a total of 412 beds. The estimated cost in the first instance will be in the region of £1,250,000.

The whole of the work will be carried out in collaboration with P. H. Knighton, Esq., M.B.E., A.R.I.B.A., Architect to the Newcastle Regional Hospital Board.

# COMING EVENTS

#### The Ecclesiological Society

February 26 at 3.0 p.m. Lecture on "Historic Parish Churches, Part II— Their Interiors," by Lawrence E. Jones, on behalf of the Historic Churches Preservation Trust. This lecture has been arranged in place of the one advertised for this date in the programme. At The College of Preceptors, Bloomsbury Square, W.C.1.

#### The Planning Forum

February 28 at 6.30 p.m. Talk on Housing in British Guiana," by L. E. Hickinbotham, Ministry of Housing and Local Government, at 28, King Street, Covent Garden, W.C.2.

#### The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

February 28 at 5.30 p.m. Ordinary General Meeting. Talk on "Historic Houses: Their Preservation and Use," by the Right Honourable J. Chuter Ede, C.H., J.P., D.L., M.P., at 12, Great

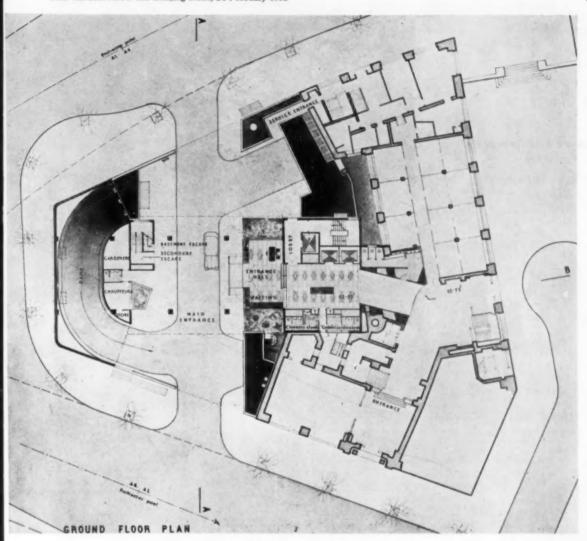
George Street, Westminster, S.W.1. March 1 at 7 p.m. Annual Dinner at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, W.1.

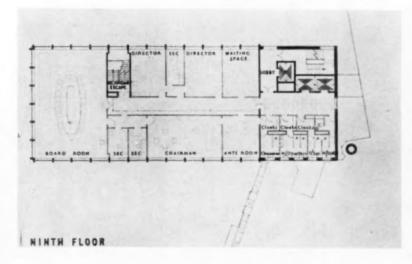
# Royal Institute of British Architects

March 1 at 6 p.m. "Architecture as a Science and Architecture as an Art,' by D. J. Bronowski, M.A., at 66, Port-land Place, W.1. It is hoped that Dr. Julian Huxley, F.R.S., will propose the vote of thanks.

#### Town Planning Institute

March 3 at 6 p.m. Annual Dinner. (Correspondence has been held over until next week.)



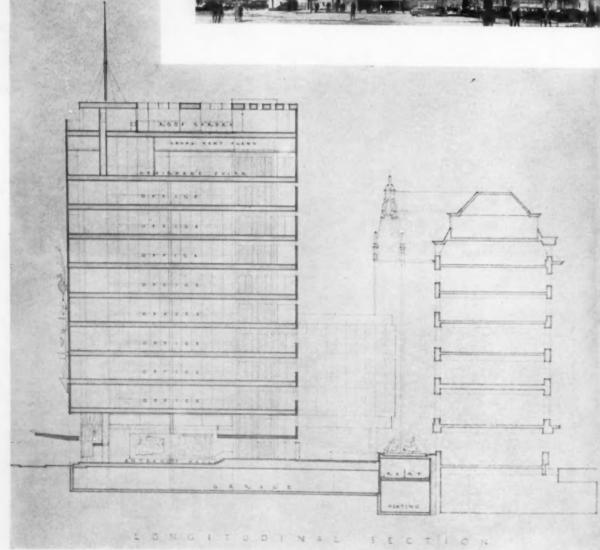


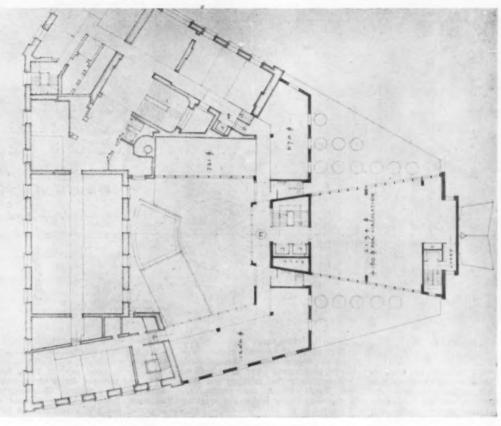
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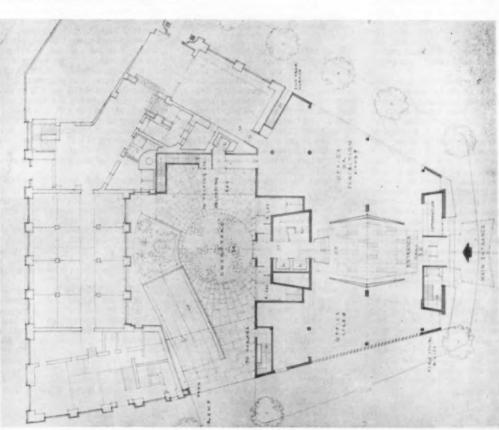
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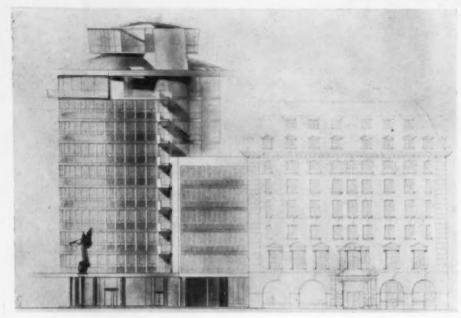




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# Salaried Architects and the British Architectural Guild

The following statement has been received: The recently declared attitude of the R.I.B.A. to the question of the representation of salaried architects leaves the position almost exactly as it was a year ago when questionnaires on the subject were issued by that body. The Royal Institute announces its inability to act as, or to promote the formation of, a Trade Union and advises salaried architects to join one or other of the established protective organizations.

This, of course, salaried architects have been able to do for many years; and it is precisely because no existing organization has been found adequate to the specialized requirements of the profession that the R.I.B.A. acceded to the long-expressed and growing de-mand for investigation. It was for the same reason that early in 1954 The British Architectural Guild was formed and registered as a Trade Union confined to salaried architects, its founders themselves salaried architects-being convinced that the particular-and as it seemed urgent-needs of their section of the profession could be met by nothing other than a Trade Union, concerned exclusively with the affairs of salaried architects within the framework of the whole profession, and administered by them but having no political affiliations.

During the period that the R.I.B.A. have been engaged in investigating the position the Guild has faithfully observed an undertaking to refrain from propaganda and recruitment. The time has now come, however, to ask whether the profession has any use for the Guild or not. And this seems to depend on the answer of the salaried architects to the following question:

(a) Do they really desire and are they prepared to implement, a protective organization confined to their own profession? (And let it here be remembered that nothing less than a Trade Union can successfully negotiate salary scales and working conditions.)

(b) If their answer to (a) is yes, do they consider that the Guild contains the potentials of such an effective Union?

With regard to the second question much has been made of the fact that not all the existing rules of the Guild may be found generally acceptable—in particular, the rule providing that a proportion of the governing council shall be members of certain specified professional bodies. It cannot be too strongly emphasized, however, that every one of the Rules of the Guild, as drafted, is provisional—in the sense that it is entirely subject to the will of a future general membership and changeable by simple resolution.

In order to obtain registration under the Trades Union Acts, it was necessary for a set of rules and regulations to be in print and deposited with the Registrar. At the time that these were drawn up, this particular rule seemed good because it was thought better to moor the Union to the existing professional bodies, thus ensuring stability, than to allow its possible drift into the hands of political extremists. However, the Guild exists at the moment as a structure of broad principles rather than of worked-out detail. If it is serviceable in outline, its exact form and shape remain to be hammered out by its membership; the rules as drafted, regulations as to fees, etc., serving only as discussable starting points for ultimate fixity

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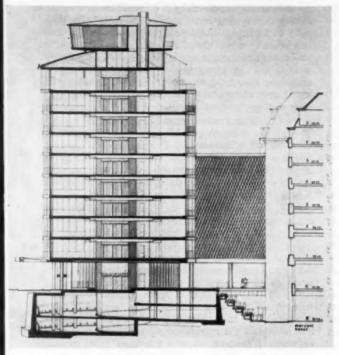
founded as a disinterested effort to solve what was believed to be an urgent problem within the architectural profession. A good deal of time, hard work and thought, and some expense, have gone to its making. Whatever the outcome, however, these will not be regretted for it is a fact that in 1955 a registered Trade Union for architects only, undiluted by other interests, and with no political or other strings, capable of being moulded in accordance with the will of those for whom it was devised, is at last available to the profession—is theirs for the asking without any gain, profit or advantage accruing to those who promoted it.

Does the profession want it or not? That is the question the Guild must now ask, and in the asking it must be made clear that if support is not forthcoming an early winding-up has been decided upon. There is no intention of allowing the Guild to drag out a long, attenuated and purposeless existence.

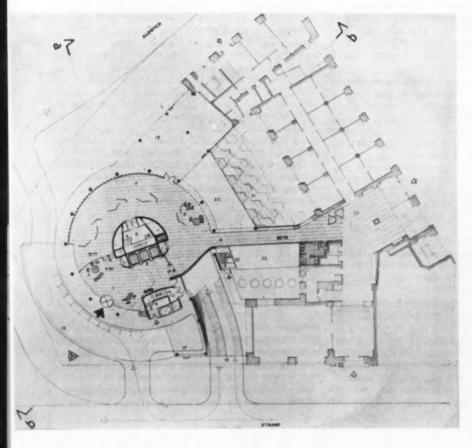
The matter then is now in the hands of the profession, and to put it to the test, architects in salaried employment (whether official or private) and architectural students similarly employed, are invited to communicate with the Guild, when they will be sent particulars of the aims and objects, together with the rules and regulations as drafted, and any other information they may desire.

If sufficient support is forthcoming to develop the Guild, early arrangements will be made to hold a meeting with a view to setting down such modifications to the rules as will make them acceptable to all sections of the pro-

(All communications will be treated in strict confidence.) The address is the British Architectural Guild, 40, New Cavendish Street, London, W.1.



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   Reception and waiting space

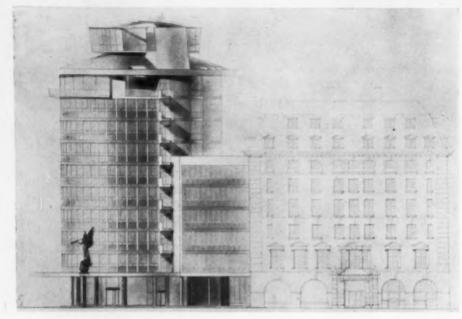
- Reception and waiting space
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   Kitchen
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   Chairman's suite, Sec., small
   Roof terrace extension to chairman's office
   All as before

# GROUND FLOOR

- Main entrance and reception Commissionaire's lodge Lifts Link to Marconi House Telephone booth Waiting spaces Exhibition and display space Staircase

- 6. Waiting spaces
  7. Exhibition and display space
  8. Staircase
  9. Ventilated lobby approach
  staircase and fireman's lift
  10. Staircase exit
  11. Ventilation duct, aprinkler
  valves, internal fuel intake
  12. Electric switch room
  13. Main extract vent duct from
  car park.
  14. Duct space, heating risers, etc.
  15. Flue
  16. "In" and "Out" car ramps
  17. Goods vehicle waiting bay
  18. Private vehicle standing space
  19. Open space and fire appliances access to courtyard
  20. Upper level of courtyard
  21. Terraced garden down to canteen level
  22. Staircase access to heating
  chamber
  23. Roof over heating chamber
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# Salaried Architects and the British Architectural Guild

The following statement has been received: The recently declared attitude of the R.I.B.A. to the question of the representation of salaried architects leaves the position almost exactly as it was a year ago when questionnaires on the subject were issued by that body. The Royal Institute announces its inability to act as, or to promote the formation of, a Trade Union and advises salaried architects to join one or other of the established protective

organizations. This, of course, salaried architects have been able to do for many years; and it is precisely because no existing organization has been found adequate to the specialized requirements of the profession that the R.I.B.A. acceded to the long-expressed and growing demand for investigation. It was for the same reason that early in 1954 The British Architectural Guild was formed and registered as a Trade Union confined to salaried architects, its founders themselves salaried architects-being convinced that the particular-and as it seemed urgent—needs of their section of the profession could be met by nothing other than a Trade Union, concerned exclusively with the affairs of salaried architects within the framework of the whole profession, and administered by them but having no political affiliations.

During the period that the R.I.B.A. have been engaged in investigating the position the Guild has faithfully observed an undertaking to refrain from propaganda and recruitment. The time has now come, however, to ask whether the profession has any use for the Guild or not. And this seems to depend on the answer of the salaried architects to the following question:

(a) Do they really desire and are they prepared to implement, a protective organization confined to their own profession? (And let it here be remembered that nothing less than a Trade Union can successfully negotiate salary scales and working conditions.)

(b) If their answer to (a) is yes, do they consider that the Guild contains the potentials of such an effective Union?

With regard to the second question much has been made of the fact that not all the existing rules of the Guild may be found generally acceptable—in particular, the rule providing that a proportion of the governing council shall be members of certain specified professional bodies. It cannot be too strongly emphasized, however, that every one of the Rules of the Guild, as drafted, is provisional—in the sense that it is entirely subject to the will of a future general membership and changeable by simple resolution.

In order to obtain registration under the Trades Union Acts, it was necessary for a set of rules and regulations to be in print and deposited with the Registrar. At the time that these were drawn up, this particular rule seemed good because it was thought better to moor the Union to the existing professional bodies, thus ensuring stability, than to allow its possible drift into the hands of political extremists. However, the Guild exists at the moment as a structure of broad principles rather than of worked-out detail. If it is serviceable in outline, its exact form and shape remain to be hammered out by its membership; the rules as drafted, regulations as to fees, etc., serving only as discussable starting points for ultimate fixity.

The British Architectural Guild was

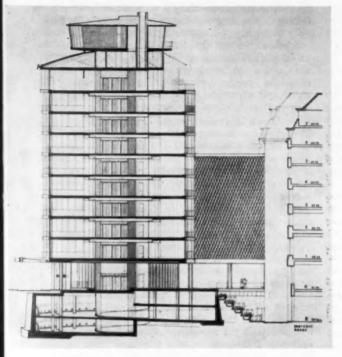
founded as a disinterested effort to solve what was believed to be an urgent problem within the architectural profession. A good deal of time, hard work and thought, and some expense, have gone to its making. Whatever the outcome, however, these will not be regretted for it is a fact that in 1955 a registered Trade Union for architects only, undiluted by other interests, and with no political or other strings, capable of being moulded in accordance with the will of those for whom it was devised, is at last available to the profession-is theirs for the asking without any gain, profit or advantage accruing to those who promoted it.

Does the profession want it or not? That is the question the Guild must now ask, and in the asking it must be made clear that if support is not forthcoming an early winding-up has been decided upon. There is no intention of allowing the Guild to drag out a long, attenuated and purposeless existence.

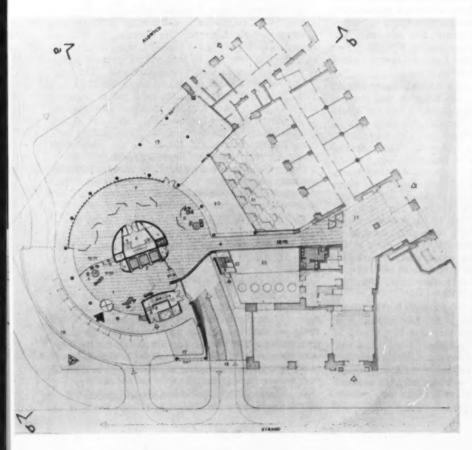
The matter then is now in the hands of the profession, and to put it to the test, architects in salaried employment (whether official or private) and architectural students similarly employed, are invited to communicate with the Guild, when they will be sent particulars of the aims and objects, together with the rules and regulations as drafted, and any other information they may desire.

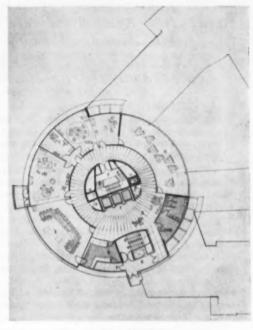
If sufficient support is forthcoming to develop the Guild, early arrangements will be made to hold a meeting with a view to setting down such modifications to the rules as will make them acceptable to all sections of the profession.

(All communications will be treated in strict confidence.) The address is the British Architectural Guild, 40, New Cavendish Street, London, W.1.



SECTION





#### 9th FLOOR

- 1. Lifts hall

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  2. Reception and waiting space
  3. Dining room
  4. Kitchen
  5. Terrace approach to kitchen
  6.9. All as lower floor
  10. Chairman's suite, Sec., small
  10a. J. Committee room, etc.
  11. Roof terrace extension to chairman's office
  12. All as before

# GROUND FLOOR

- Main entrance and reception
   Commissionaire's lodge
   Lifts
   Lifts to Marconi House
   Telephone booth
   Waiting spaces
   Exhibition and display space
   Staircase

- 7. Exhibition and display space
  8. Staircase
  9. Ventilated lobby approach
  taircase and fireman's lift
  10. Staircase exit
  11. Ventilation duct, sprinkler
  valves, internal fuel intake
  12. Electric switch room
  13. Main extract vent duct from
  car park
  14. Duct space, heating risers, etc.
  15. Flue

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  15. Flue
  16. "In" and "Out" car ramps
  17. Goods vehicle waiting bay
  18. Private vehicle standing space
  19. Open apace and fire appliances access to courtyard
  20. Upper level of courtyard
  21. Terraced garden down to canteen level
  22. Staircase access to heating chamber
  23. Roof over heating chamber

- 23. Roof over heating chamber 24. Visitors' lav. Men 25. Marconi House. Present main.

# HIGH FLATS

A Critical Summary of the papers read at a Symposium held at the R.I.B.A. on February 15

BY J. H. FORSHAW, M.C., F.R.I.B.A., CHIEF ARCHITECT, M.o.H. & L.G.

A CRITICAL summary must involve conflicting opinions. Some authorities have held strong views against flats in any form. Recently a change has come about, and more flats and maisonettes are now building. Slum clearance schemes will expedite the process.

When the symposium was proposed I felt sure the idea would have the firm support of the Professions and of the Industry. Miss Margaret Willis, in her first sentence, says: "The idea of living in high flats is often considered with alarm by many people." The short words "High Flats" might mislead. Not all understand that we are thinking to-day of high dwellings not in isolation but as elements within areas of "mixed development." That is an important qualification. The two aspects for consideration are (1) high dwellings for a small percentage only of people living in areas of low and medium densities and (ii) high dwellings for a much larger percentage living in neighbourhoods of the highest density.

In the short time available I propose to observe on main points in the papers, and to review problems of costs having in mind the need for compact planning and a minimum yet efficient provision of lifts and staircases.

By and large, the variety of accommodation in "mixed development" has been illustrated this morning. The comprehensive schemes described by Mr. Whitfield Lewis have been carried out for the London County Council under the direction of Dr. Martin.

I pick out from the paper by Mr. Lewis two significant facts, the first of cost, i.e., the statement that "mixed development" comprising high, medium and low blocks has not proved more expensive than the older type of development in uniformly high blocks. This is important, as the overall cost must rule ultimately. The second of design, i.e., the increasing use of maisonettes-in a variety of types and especially in the form of four-storey blocks which retain a domestic scale. It seems that up to about 40 per cent of all accommodation in the schemes described is in four-storey maisonette blocks. The individual maisonette has, of course, some of the advantages possessed by the terrace house and is better suited for children than is the normal flat. Since Mr. Lewis refers to the County of London Plan, I may remark that the increasing use of maisonettes for families with children tends to confirm the conclusions drawn as to their value, when the first studies were prepared in 1942.

The one feature calling for improvement in the schemes Mr. Whitfield Lewis describes is the low percentage of houses. Four per cent, 8 per cent and 10 per cent at the most. London should do better. I appreciate that fine landscape often dictates reservations and that certainly is a very good reason. Mr. Lewis hits out at the subsidy structure as favouring flats, and asks why, in a mixed scheme, house and flat should not have the same subsidy rate. The point is not new yet it is serious, and cannot

be underestimated, especially if it should lead to unsatisfactory development and higher capital costs. The difficulty would largely disappear if the gap between flat costs and house costs was closed by lowering the former. To seek now to reduce this gap is surely one of the principal aims to-day. A first step suggests that ceiling heights should be brought down to the byelaw minimum; this would have advantages in reducing total height, and thus saving money in several directions.

Mr. Lewis lays stress on the importance of heating. Restricted coal burning under new "smog" regulations must help, but we are told 150 dwellings in grouped blocks are the economic minimum for a boilerhouse. Nevertheless, Miss Willis informs us that, where central heating is an alternative to the open coal fire, the former is preferred despite additional charges.

I pass from Mr. Lewis to Mr. Cleeve Barr, of the same office. So much of Mr. Barr's interesting paper applies to schemes described that I shall be brief. The tale of "Holes" in building would make a special article for the technical press. His other investigations call for special note, e.g., complete success with internal bathrooms combined with stack plumbing should lead to economies. A simplified Garchey system of refuse disposal is urgently required and would remove a positive nuisance and danger to health. The Shunt Flue, if feasible, would give important savings in the aggregate. All this research is most valuable. I am sure we wish this team more success, including the satisfaction of finding that "mixed development" can be even more competitive where a higher percentage of houses is included.

Dr. Bradbury's paper is backed by his experience of the United States, and the subject of a report to the Housing Committee of the Liverpool City Council. In effect, he suggests a review of the top limit of housing density. He feels also that there may be good reasons for using pockets of very high density within neighbourhoods. Dr. Bradbury notes the absence of balcony access blocks in New York. Instead there is a universal use of slab or cruciform blocks in one form or another. Modern ventilation has made internal corridors feasible. This means that all floor space is utilized to the best purpose. The internal bathroom is common practice, and by its use considerable savings are effected without impairing health.

Dr. Bradbury points to a need for better landscaping and more play-spaces for children. He rightly asserts that the extent of the provision must be decided at the layout stage. Car parking, too, is an increasing need.

Mr. Jensen relates the subject of high flats to that of high densities. It is a viewpoint we must respect—especially where costs are so much the controlling factor. What Mr. Jensen has said does high-light the question of densities, and it may be necessary to re-examine the reasons for fixing the various levels. After research, Mr. Jensen is inclined to the opinion that an economic solution cannot be found at the present density and he may be right. Quite clearly, when the slum clearance is in full swing, we shall have to face up to reconciling the short-term problem of those living on the site against the long-term planning aims. Great pressure can be expected from public and private developers; all will need to be satisfied that, in some cases at least, densities are not too low.

Mr. Sheppard Fidler has drawn attention to the difference in the capital costs of building a house and building a flat, which, estimated at £600 per dwelling, means 8s 9d per week on the rent. He points out that the difference in rental is even greater because flats carry additional charges for maintenance and management.

The dilemma confronting both designer and client is the fact that there is no apparent satisfactory reason for the big difference. It is not new, before 1939 developers were puzzled—to-day more acute, on account of rises and improvements, e.g., lifts over four storeys, the margin of difference is alarming. Experience indicates that flats are costing 50 per cent more than similar accommodation in houses. No one is satisfied that such expenditure is warranted.

Mr. Sheppard Fidler refers to the economies that result both by repetition of blocks and by the repetition of flat or maisonette units within each block. I agree and consider that much interior work could be factory-made and assembled within cellular-framed construction. Mr. Fidler does not suggest considering the recommendations of the Bailey Committee but I should like to mention this corollary of his idea. Perhaps the impending slum clearance programmes will spur some large authorities to initiate action.

Mr. Gibberd refers to the use of high blocks in mediumsized towns, suburban areas and in New Towns where the overall net density is low at, say, 60 rooms per acre. He is forthright and realizes that "tower" blocks are very expensive and cannot really be justified on economic grounds at a density of 60 or 70. Nevertheless, because they give pleasure to the occupants and neighbours alike more high blocks should be built. I admire the example at Harlow a great deal; I hope the next will be equally successful.

Mr. Gibberd mentions a wise policy at Harlow, the employment of separate architectural firms for various works. This is a correct decision, and a sure way to secure variety. More authorities with large building programmes might adopt a policy of this kind. When opportunities occur in redevelopment schemes, a layout considered first as a whole can later be developed in sectors by different architects. The idea, which has been directed with success at Harlow, has a great deal to commend it.

The paper on "Means of Escape" by Mr. Lack is a clear statement of the problems. The description of the method of dividing a building into cells to limit dangers, i.e., fire spread, and facilitate escape is vivid, and must enable anyone to get a quick grasp of what is involved. Briefly, this paper indicates how the architect should plan to ensure public safety without extravagance. To overelaborate provisions, particularly in the number of staircases, is wasteful and can tend to defeat simple, well-organized fire methods. Money can be saved often by early consultations with the Fire pauthorities, but it is essential for the architect himself to understand a great deal about fire and escape apparatus requirements, and to be familiar with the details of apparatus.

It is convenient following Mr. Lack's study to refer briefly to the planning of Towers having regard to lift service and staircases. The "tower" forms a suitable plan-shape for smaller units of accommodation but increasing use will be possible only if structure and installation costs can be reduced. The cost of installing and running a lift service is very much higher per flat than in

other types of blocks. It is not easy to plan satisfactorily with only one staircase and yet take advantage of the revised requirements for means of escape.

The tower is expensive to service because normally it has two lifts and two staircases. What can be done to reduce costs? One proposal which we are examining takes the form of "Twin" towers. The plan follows that of the Towers at Bellahoj, Copenhagen, with this difference, each tower—that is, half the block—has four flats per floor instead of two in the Danish scheme.

A twin tower 11 storeys high would contain 88 flats and two lifts only are intended, one in the centre of each tower separate from the staircases. An enclosed way would allow tenants to cross the flat roof (as at Pimlico) during times of servicing or breakdown. The reliability of modern lifts in practice means that stoppages are rare, and servicing can be notified. Three staircases only are required—one between the twin towers and one at each end of the complete block, and these link up with the back doors opening on to short balconies. The lift in the centre of each tower gives access to the front doors in a common hall.

Compared with two blocks of typical types now building, the twin-tower block described would save about £8,000 on lifts and wells and £2,000 on staircases—a total of £10,000 or no less than £113 a flat. A further economy due to the space-saving nature of the plan could probably be expected. Furthermore, the cost of running and maintaining the lift service would be reduced by about £2 3s per annum per flat for the whole 88 dwellings served. The combined effect of reduced capital costs and running costs for lifts would reduce the rent by 2s 8d per week on every flat. We cannot neglect savings of this order.

I will now bring together aspects of cost, which inevitably dominate all decisions and also that related to constructural and operational matters in the papers submitted by Mr. Dunican, Mr. Samuely, Mr. Mitchell and Dr. Weston.

The cost of building is obviously in everyone's mind and that of high dwellings is foremost. More conviction in the papers might have been expressed if the authors had been confident that higher flats would not involve still higher costs.

The present cost of flats is quite fantastic. Accommodation cannot be let at rents which tenants can afford without burdensome subsidies. The one vital matter is the overall cost of the complete scheme. Higher costs for higher flats will not do. But "mixed development" does help and, therefore, we should not look only at the cost of individual blocks.

The practical aim of all concerned was stated precisely by Mr. Dunican, i.e., to build, say, 20-storey homes quickly and cheaply, and some encouragement is offered in the views he has expressed. Mr. Jensen has been bold enough to express the view that, subject to the operation of certain more favourable organizational conditions, it should not be unreasonable to expect the cost of flats to come down to an average of £1,500 net.

Consider broadly what this task would involve and what are the chances of fulfilment. Various average cost figures are stated, but for examination an ascertained average gross tender figure is taken of £2,200 for flats of a typical area,

650ft super in a 10-storey block. This figure of £2,200 can be broken down into four parts:

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Site works, including drains, roads, paths,	
boundary walls, garden work and planting, playing and drying areas	150
Foundations	150
Carcase, including reinforced concrete structure, brickwork and internal partitions	925
Internal finishes, fittings, equipment, including doors, windows, paving, plastering, painting,	
plumbing, electric, gas and lift installations	975
Total £	2,200

From this breakdown it would appear that an average cost of £1,500 per flat is well nigh impossible without drastic alterations in standards.

When, however, each part of the breakdown is examined separately it appears reasonable to draw certain conclusions in respect of flats of more than ten storeys:—

- 1. The average cost of foundations and site works should tend to decrease rather than increase.
- The cost of internal finishing and equipment should at least remain constant.
- 3. There may be an increase in the cost of the structural frame but this should be offset by:—
  - (a) saving on the average cost of a roof because it will cover more flats;
  - (b) the saving derived from additional output in consequence of more repetitive nature of work, and increased efficiency of skilled working gangs. This latter factor has been exemplified by the experiences quoted by Mr. Mitchell.
- Consequently, the price of flats in blocks of more than ten storeys should not increase, but tend to decrease slightly.

Dr. Weston's paper records a wide and expensive range of prices. The effect is to impel a search for economies within the present range of construction rather than risk a further climb. It brings us back to realities—hard facts and figures.

The time available to Dr. Weston has permitted him to touch the fringe only. He has presented a range of the prices per foot super for flats of all types without any classification. Separate prices for staircase or balcony access are not given, nor is the detail of accommodation or other heads stated which affect price comparisons. A general picture of comparative costs nevertheless can be gained. The range of tender prices ascertained is a guide for consideration of the economic overall costs of development. It can serve, too, as a key to the economic mixture of high and low blocks in order to bring down the average cost per dwelling.

Dr. Weston's preliminary conclusion, that the price of lifts is not in many cases a serious financial problem is hardly convincing. The fact that a difference between 2 per cent and 12 per cent for the cost of lifts is disclosed, suggests that there is scope for economy. Our research on the lines referred to shows that careful planning of access and lifts saves appreciably in the cost per flat and lowers rents.

What are the steps to bring down high costs? Various solutions are suggested in the papers, including:—

1. Planning more economically.

2. Using more maisonettes in preference to flats. Strongly advocated, not only by several architects, but also by both Mr. Dunican and Mr. Samuely.

Employing cross-wall construction as being less expensive than front and back, loaded walls, and more suitable for the operation of mechanized site plant,

including the tower crane.

Again, should the methods and practices of America and the Continent be followed, especially complete preplanning? The advantages have been fully described from the viewpoint of the contractor by Mr. Mitchell. He illustrates the benefits in a practical example by which his firm carry out the large contract at Trinity Road for the London County Council. He answers very competently the critics of the industry, and demolishes the charge that high costs are due to obsolete methods. He has not, however, indicated to whom financial benefits accrue by his achievements. Mr. Mitchell, along with others, emphasizes the essential need for the fullest collaboration between architect and contractor. Mr. Dunican goes further and suggests pre-tender collaboration and indicates that economic structural design, efficient organization and rapid progress are the worthwhile results. He suggests that specialized work in high blocks should be the responsibility of a "construction team" comprising architect, quantity surveyor, engineer and contractor. It has not been made clear, however, whether it is intended that the contractor should be engaged solely as a consultant, or as a consultant and builder at the same time.

Pre-planning to this extent is, I am sure, an ideal, but not all would agree. How, then, is it to be established within our present method of tendering and contract procedure in order to preserve a competitive element?

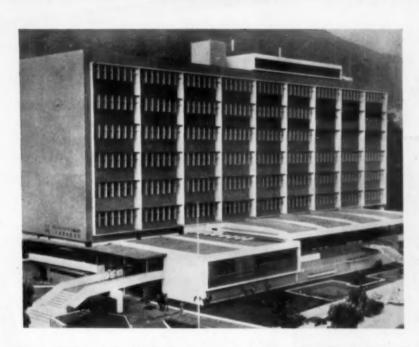
The client's interest must be safeguarded if competitive

conditions are to be eliminated.

How, then, is it practicable to establish a contractural procedure to meet the requirement of pre-planning as envisaged? Does a solution lie in acceptance of American and Continental techniques which some authors have referred to and, if so, should we adopt also a new tender and contract procedure?

I do not favour complete change but I feel that there is a step to take. An English compromise—one move might suffice whereby the architect collaborates with engineer and contractor at the pre-contract stage to ensure maximum constructural efficiency and to obviate the risk of subsequent revisions involving consequential delays and additional costs.

Recently in this conference room architects responsible for hospital design were neatly reminded to remember the "patient." In her fascinating paper Miss Willis reports that of the 156 tenants living from the 6th to 12th storeys 90 per cent wished to live high. There are about this survey some very human aspects and that is the real value. It records the "user" opinion from a cross-section of tenants living about the 6th floor and upwards. Satisfaction and delight is recorded in the reasons quoted: "More fresh air," "more privacy and quiet," and "glorious views." Should we be pleased or disturbed, for Miss Willis warns again in her last paragraph and states that two out of three people would be ready to go out to a house with a garden if they could?



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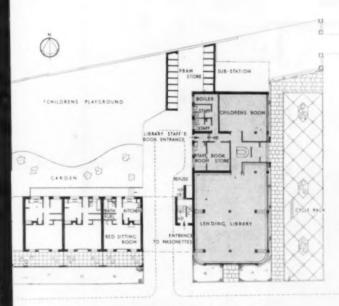




The Coat of Arms of Tottenham Borough Council is engraved on glass over the main entrance to the library

# LIBRARY, KATHLEEN FERRIER COURT, Tottenham

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Layout of Kathleen Ferrier Court. Scale: one inch equals forty feet. On the next page the final plan of the library, shown tinted here, is illustrated to a greater scale.

COMBES CROFT Branch Library occupies the ground floor of one wing of Kathleen Ferrier Court. The main building consists of 12 maisonettes, the ground floor of the other wing has three one-room flats for old people. A fall in the levels of the site has allowed a change in ceiling height between the two wings while keeping the maisonettes all on the same level.

The site was formerly occupied by St. John's Presbyterian Church which was damaged by enemy action during the last war.

As there has been great difficulty in obtaining sites within the Borough it was suggested that a library could be built with dwellings above, so that both the library and the dwellings could be built together in one contract. After some persuasion, the Government department concerned agreed to the proposal and building started in the early part of 1953. The cost of the portion of the building forming the library, including its equipment, is approximately £13,000.

### Site Layout

Owing to the presence of a 20ft wide culvert enclosing the Moselle Brook, it was necessary to keep the front elevation some 12ft behind the building line. The library itself is of a reinforced concrete frame construction, which has been expressed in the external elevations.

The external wall is faced with specially made concrete slabs having an exposed aggregate face, and display panels which can be illuminated at night are inserted in four of the bays. The main entrance is

# Library, Tottenham

from the High Road and is almost entirely of glass, creating an inviting atmosphere and also giving the idea of space in the building.

### Planning

Facing the entrance is the Charging Counter, with the Book Store behind. The Charging Counter is fitted with two sliding shelves to facilitate the removal of returned books to the Book Store. The folding partition on the counter divides the hall into two areas to prevent the mingling of adult and child traffic.

To the right of the entrance is the Children's Room containing book shelving on four walls, a total of 250ft run providing space for 2,500 volumes. Lighting is by two large pendant fittings each with eight lamps, half of which are directed on the ceiling for general diffused lighting, the remainder downward for direct illumination on the tables.

The Adults' Room is to the left of the entrance and contains 800ft run of shelving to accommodate about 8,000 volumes. An information counter, situated at one end, is equipped with reference books and a catalogue covering all the books in Tottenham's libraries. On the centre column is a display fitting for notices and books. A free standing periodical rack will contain the usual supply of weekly and monthly magazines. General lighting is provided by four large fluorescent fittings, with spotlights placed centrally over each bay of shelving.

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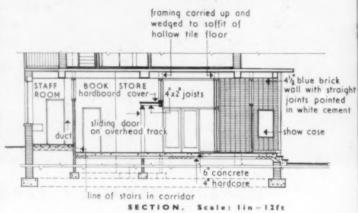
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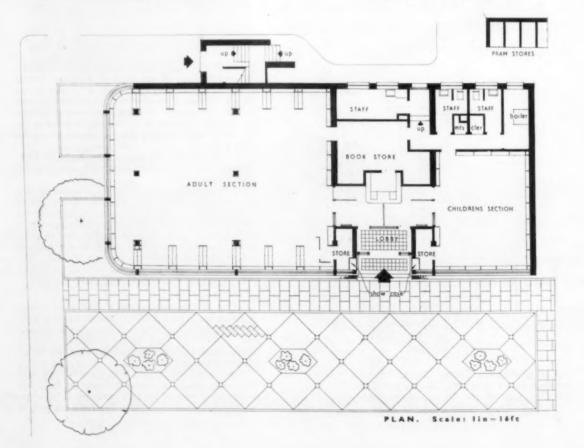
eliminates the need for a fuel store or stoker. The system is thermostatically controlled and has a master clock which will start and stop the boiler without manual supervision throughout a winter season.

#### Finishes

Externally fair-faced R.C. columns are painted with Inertol enamel "Grey," the panels between being 8in cavity walls with 2in outer skin of 18in × 9in concrete slabs having an exposed "Durite" aggregate face on a white cement background. The Plinth is Blue Staffordshire engineering bricks and the R.C. beam and canopy over the metal window is

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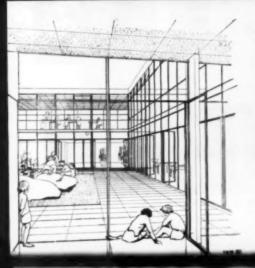


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Library, Tottenham

Adults' Room Children's Room



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The terrace has a blue brick retaining wall and a surface of concrete divided into bays approximately 7ft 6in square,

alternate bays being coloured red.

Internally, the ceilings in the Adults' and Children's Rooms are "Unitex" acoustic tiles with cream finish; elsewhere "Unitex" cream finished insulation board was used. The floors in both rooms are finished with rubber tiles; in the Adults' Room they have a red pattern on grey marbled background with a black border. The Children's Room has a bold red, blue and yellow pattern on the same background with blue border. Cream terrazzo was laid in the Entrance Hall, elsewhere "Accotile" cedar marble tiles were used.

The shelving is in Parana pine with Sapele edges and ends. The ends of the projecting cases in the Adults' Room are inlaid with in strips of sycamore. Steel legs to projecting shelves and grilles to heating pipes are

finished in penny bronze.

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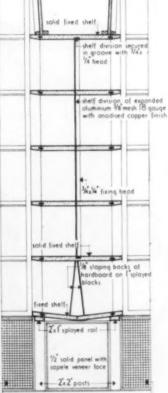
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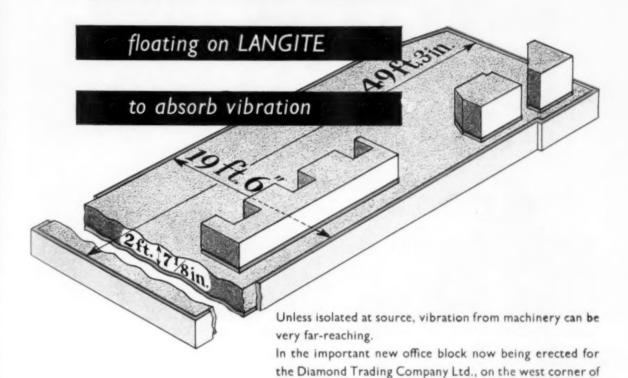
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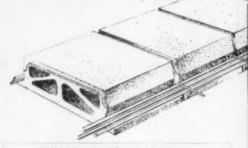
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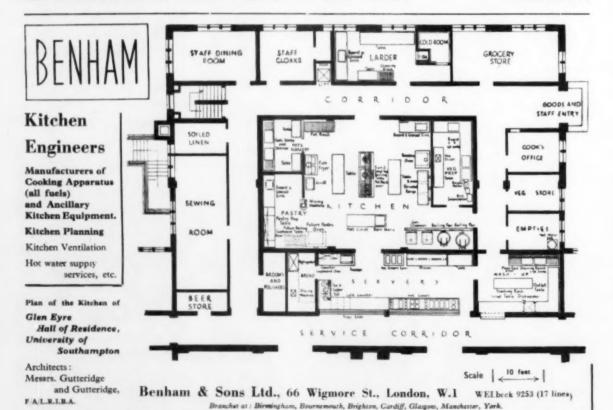
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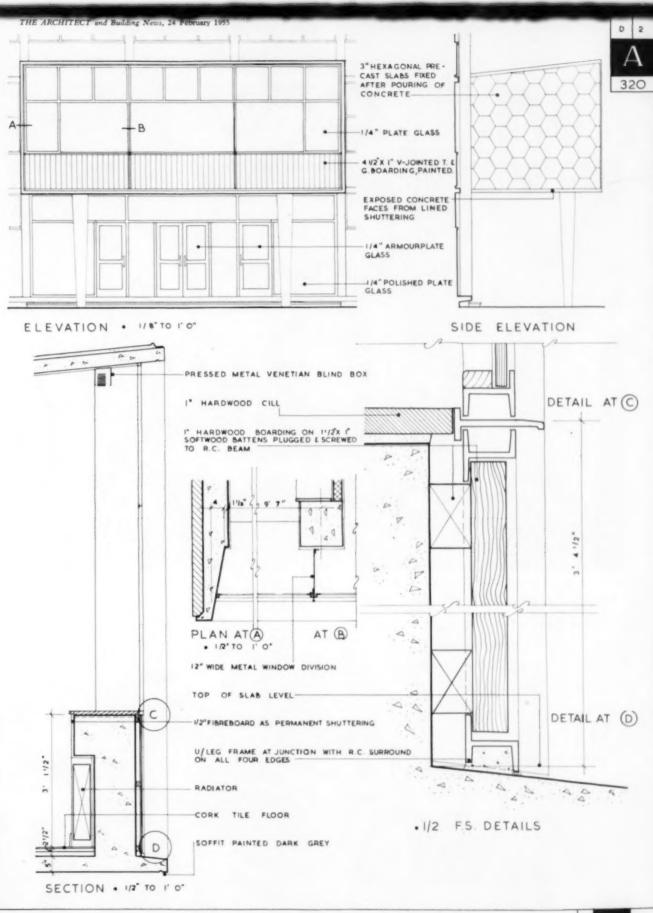
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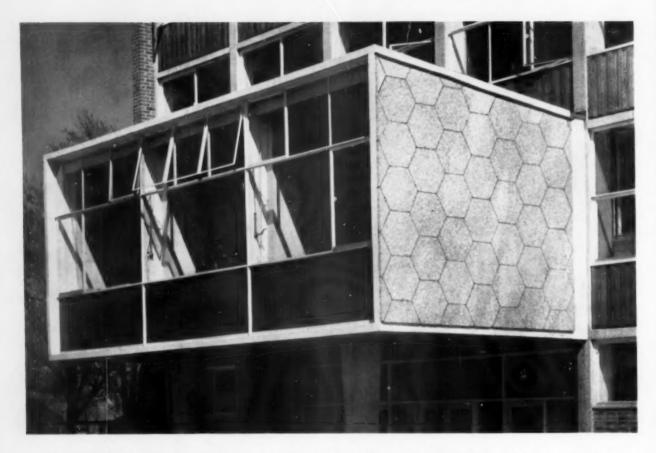
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CAERNARYONSHIRE E.C. (a) Extensions to Caernaryon Grammar School. (b) Director of Education, Education Offices, Caernaryon. (d) Feb. 28.

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EPPING R.C. (a) Construction of a municipal works depot, with garages, workshops, offices, etc., Harlow New Town. (b) Engineer and Surveyor, 209, High Street. (c) 2gns. (e) March 14.

EXETER C.C. (a) General building works at Whipton Barton Junior Mixed School. (b) City Architect, Exeter. (c) 3gns. (d) March 2.

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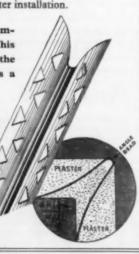
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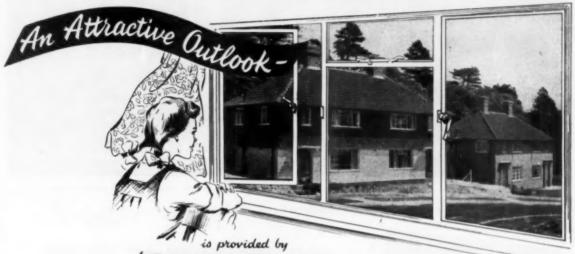
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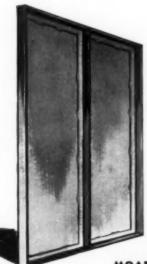
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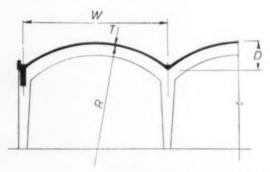




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